



Saguaro National Park (West)

Naturalist Program Schedule

Programs meet at the Red Hills Visitor Center, 2700 N. Kinney Road, and last 30 to 45 minutes, unless noted otherwise. All programs are subject to change. Call the visitor center at (520) 733-5158 for updates. See www.nps.gov/sagu for other programs.

July 11, 18, 25 2:15 p.m. **The CCC in the Tucson Mountains** Talk: 45 minutes

The Civilian Conservation Corps was launched in the midst of The Great Depression as an employment program to take young men off the streets and give them jobs restoring the country's depleted soil and forest resources. Much of this involved building the infrastructures of public facilities in the Tucson area, including many of the stone structures and trails at Saguaro National Park and Tucson Mountain Park. *Wheelchair accessible.*

July 3, 10, 11, 17, 18, 24, 25, 31 11:15 a.m. **Play Sonoran Desert Bingo!** Game: 1 hour

July 1 2:15 p.m. Learn about the plants and animals of the Sonoran Desert while enjoying a rousing version of Bingo! Get five in a row – down, across, or diagonally – and win a non-monetary prize. First come, first served. *Wheelchair accessible.*

July 1, 8, 15, 22, 29 9:45 a.m. **Sonoran Secrets to Desert Survival** Walk: 60 minutes, 250 yards

Stroll the Cactus Garden and identify the most common hazards hidden in the desert, uncover survival strategies of native plants and animals, and acquire practical tips to ensure your safety. *Wheelchair accessible.*

July 2, 9, 11, 16, 18, 23, 25, 30 10:15 a.m. **Living With Giants** Talk: 45 minutes

The saguaro celebrates events and faces challenges throughout its life. A biologist explains how it provides shelter and substance for wildlife; when it flowers; its growth patterns; and how it fights for survival against drought, lightning, frost, and other dangers. *Wheelchair accessible.*

July 10, 17, 24, 31 2:15 p.m. **Lizards are Hot, Lizards are Cool** Talk: 30 minutes

Lizards are small denizens of the desert that are a critical component of our desert community. Find out what it means when they do pushups or exhibit other behaviors. *Wheelchair accessible.*

July 7, 21 11:15 a.m. **Life Cycle of the Saguaro: Seed to Giant** Walk: 45 minutes, 100 yards

Hear some astonishing reasons about why so few Saguaro seeds make it to fruition.

July 10, 12, 13, 17, 19, 20, 24, 26, 27, 31 10:15 a.m. **Snakes** Talk: 30 minutes

Explore the life and lore, myths and misunderstandings about one of the desert Southwest's most intriguing icons: the rattlesnake. *Wheelchair accessible.*

July 10, 12, 13, 17, 19, 20, 24, 26, 27, 31 3:15 p.m. **Homesteading Adventures** Talk: 30 minutes

The Hispanic women from homesteading families in the Tucson area left records of their adventures, and a ranger reads some of these fascinating first-person accounts. *Wheelchair accessible.*

July 7, 14, 21, 28 3:15 p.m. **Whales in the Desert** Talk: 45 minutes

Learn about the unique connection between whales and the Sonoran Desert. *Wheelchair accessible.*

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